Wildlife conservation and co-operation between India and US

2010. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a move for wild-life conservation and co-operation between India and the USA, before the US President's visit; and

(b) if so, what agreement or understanding has been reached in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. India has conveyed its consent to join the global Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking (CAWT) through which it will collaborate in the fight against illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife parts. In addition, the India-US Joint Statement issued on March 2, 2006 also welcomed the opportunity to strengthen long pending work on the conservation of wildlife through cooperation on park management and ecotourism.

Death of seagulls in Lakhota Lake

2011. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:
SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 500 seagulls died recently in Jamnagar's Lokhota lake in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the lake has now turned into a graveyard for migratory birds;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As reported by the Government of Gujarat, death of seagulls had occurred in the Lakhota lake as a result of food poisoning.